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La Jolla Village Drive Improvement Project Complete

San Diego, CA – Today Council President Scott Peters and Mayor Jerry Sanders celebrated the completion of a long-awaited road project in University City.

The \$7.9 million La Jolla Village Drive widening project includes additional traffic lanes eastbound and westbound between I-5 and UCSD, as well as new sidewalks and bike lanes, improved landscaping and drainage and improvements to the Gilman Drive bridge and ramps.

While road improvements have historically lagged behind new construction, Council President Peters is committed to closing the growth gap in the 1st District. “We’ve seen phenomenal success for biotechs and other high-paying industries in the Golden Triangle. Road and other projects must keep pace with the growth of those industries. I’m pleased that the La Jolla Village Drive improvements will help ease congestion in the area.”

This project follows other successful projects in Council District One including the 2003 realignment of La Jolla Parkway, the 2005 tunneling of Judicial Drive and the 2004 improvements to I-5 connector ramps at La Jolla Village Drive.

Peters recognized the impact road construction has had on the community. “The traffic delays caused by this project have been the talk of the town, but I know the folks who drive this stretch of road will find these improvements worth the wait.”

Mayor Jerry Sanders noted that the improvement project benefits more than just area residents. “La Jolla Village Drive is a link to the city’s top scientific and academic

centers, as well as some of our most popular tourist destinations. Commuters, students and visitors can take advantage of better roads, bike paths and walkways.”

La Jolla Village Drive allows thousands of commuters to get from the Golden Triangle to areas west of Interstate 5, such as the University of California San Diego, the Veterans Administration Hospital, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and downtown La Jolla. Additional lanes will ease congestion along a stretch of road that sees 60,000 car trips per day.

Begun in 2004, this is the third phase of construction to widen La Jolla Village Drive. The bulk of the project’s financing came from the Facilities Benefit Assessment, funded by a portion of building permit fees. A small portion of the project was funded by the city’s general fund.

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